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In response to the Notice Of Incomplete Reply dated 10/30/2001 for the above-identified patent application, enclosed are the following:

- 1) Notice Of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional);
- 2) Copy of previously filed SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION, filed on 10/30/2001 (EXHIBIT AA);

Upon learning that the previously filed response to Notice Of Missing Parts was incomplete, Applicants filed on 10/30/2001 a Supplemental Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Non-Provisional Application (Exhibit AA; hereinafter "Supplemental Response"). The Supplemental Response was filed before Applicants received the Notice Of

Incomplete Reply. As shown in Exhibit AA, the Supplemental Response includes substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and a check for a one month extension of time. Accordingly, the Supplemental Response is responsive to the Notice Of Incomplete Reply.

If any additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2030.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 691-2030.

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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

*Filing Date Granted*

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 09/24/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/02/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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